GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a report of the United Nations Human Development less than 1 per cent of GDP is spent on health sector in India;

(b) if so, whether the poor and the rural people are most affected because of it;

(c) if so, whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide Government medical facilities to the rural people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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The Human Development Report- 2004 brought out by the UNDP has indicated that less than 1% of GDP is the share of public health expenditure in India in 2001. Public Health expenditure and infrastructure though extensive have not been able to address the requirements across all States and sections of society. A National Rural Health Mission has been envisaged to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

The core strategy under the Mission would include:

- Train and enhance the capacity of Panchayat Raj institutions in ownership, control and management of public health services

- Promote access to health care to household through Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA)

- Health plan for each village through Village Health Samiti of the Panchayat

- Strengthening sub-centres with untied funds.

- Strengthening the Primary Health Centres for improved reach and delivery of services

- Strengthening of existing Community Health Centres for improved curative care

- Preparation and implementation of an inter-sectoral District Health Plan including drinking water, sanitation and hygiene and nutrition

- Integrating relevant vertical Health and Family Welfare Programme under the NRHM at National, State and District levels.

- Technical support to National, State and District Health Missions for Public Health Management